

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1-2, 5-6, 9-10, 13-14, 17-18, 21-22, 25-26, 29-30, 33-34, 37-38, and 41 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A coordinate detection device, comprising:
an input unit, having a surface thereof, to which a coordinate value is input by an input device;
a determination unit that determines an operation mode of said input unit;
a calculation unit enabling an "absolute coordinate value mode"-like inputting operation by calculating a distance between a final coordinate value of a previous operation and a beginning coordinate value of a current input operation by said input unit, the current input operation occurring after a detachment of the input device from the surface of said input unit during the immediately preceding previous input operation; and
a setting unit setting, in said calculation unit, a coordinate value at a time when the input device is detached from the surface of said input unit as the final coordinate value of the previous input operation,
wherein the distance calculated by said calculation unit is transmitted to a host apparatus so as to prevent the current input operation from being connected to the previous input operation on a display.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The coordinate detection device according to claim 1, further comprising:
~~a determination unit that determines an operation mode of said input unit; and~~
a control unit that enables or disables said setting unit based on a determination result of said determination unit.

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The coordinate detection device according to claim 2, wherein said determination unit determines the operation mode of said input unit based on a relative contact area formed by a contact of the input device with the surface of said input unit.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The coordinate detection device according to claim 2, wherein said determination unit determines the operation mode of said input unit based on a time during which the input device is detached from the surface of said input unit.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of detecting coordinates, comprising:
inputting a coordinate value to a surface of an input unit, by an input device;
determining an operation mode of said inputting;
enabling an "absolute coordinate value mode"-like inputting operation by calculating a distance between a final coordinate value of a previous operation and a beginning coordinate value of a current input operation by said inputting, the current input operation occurring after a detachment of the input device from the surface of said input unit during the immediately preceding previous input operation; and
setting, in said calculating, a coordinate value input at a time when the input device is detached from the surface of the input unit as the final coordinate value of the previous input operation,

wherein the distance calculated by said calculating is transmitted to a host apparatus so as to prevent the current input operation from being connected to the previous input operation on a display.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 5, further comprising:
~~determining an operation mode of said inputting; and~~
enabling or disabling said setting based on a determination result of said determining.

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein determining determines the operation mode of said inputting based on a relative contact area formed by a contact of the input device with the surface of the input unit.

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein said determining determines the operation mode of said inputting based on a time during which the input device is detached from the surface of the input unit.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A coordinate detection device, comprising:
an input unit, having a surface thereof, to which a coordinate value is input;
a determination unit determining an operation mode of said input unit;

a calculation unit enabling an "absolute coordinate value mode"-like inputting operation by calculating a distance between a final coordinate value of a first input operation and a beginning coordinate value of a second input operation; and

a setting unit setting, in said calculation unit, a coordinate value of the first input operation as the final coordinate value input of the first input operation,

wherein the distance calculated by said calculation unit is transmitted to a host apparatus so as to prevent the second input operation from being connected to the first input operation on a display.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The coordinate detection device according to claim 9, further comprising:

~~a determination unit determining an operation mode of said input unit; and~~

a control unit enabling or disabling said setting unit based on a determination result of said determination unit.

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The coordinate detection device according to claim 10, wherein said determination unit determines the operation mode of said input unit based on a relative area of contact area between an input part and the surface of said input unit.

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The coordinate detection device according to claim 10, wherein said determination unit determines the operation mode of said input unit based on a time between the end of the first input operation and the beginning of the second input operation.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of detecting coordinates, comprising:
inputting at least one coordinate value to a surface of an input unit;

determining an operation mode of said inputting;

enabling an "absolute coordinate value mode"-like inputting operation by setting a coordinate value of a first inputting as the final coordinate value input of the first inputting if a second inputting has not occurred for a predetermined time; and

calculating a distance difference between the set coordinate value of the first inputting and an initial coordinate value of the second inputting,

wherein the distance calculated by said calculating is transmitted to a host apparatus so as to prevent the second inputting from being connected to the first inputting on a display.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method according to claim 13, further comprising:
~~determining an operation mode of inputting; and~~
enabling or disabling said setting based on a result of said determining.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim 14, the
determining based on a relative area of contact of the inputting.

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim 14, the
determining based on a time between the first inputting and the second inputting.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A writing device, comprising:
an input unit, having a surface thereof, to which a coordinate value is input by an input
device;

a determination unit determining an operation mode of the input unit;

a calculation unit enabling an "absolute coordinate value mode"-like inputting operation
by calculating a distance between a final coordinate value of a previous operation and a
beginning coordinate value of a current input operation by said input unit, the current input
operation occurring after a detachment of the input device from the surface of said input unit
during the immediately preceding previous input operation; and

a setting unit setting, in said calculation unit, a coordinate value at a time when the input
device is detached from the surface of said input unit as the final coordinate value of the
previous input operation

wherein the distance calculated by said calculation unit is transmitted to a host apparatus
so as to prevent the current input operation from being connected to the previous input operation
on a display.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The writing device according to claim 17, further
comprising:

~~a determination unit determining an operation mode of the input unit; and~~

a controller to enable or disable the setting unit based on a determination result of the
determination unit.

19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The writing device according to claim 18, wherein
the determination unit determines the operation mode of the input unit based on a relative size of
a contact area formed by a contact of the input device with the surface of the input unit.

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The writing device according to claim 18, wherein the determination unit determines the operation mode of the input unit based on a time during which the input device is detached from the surface of the input unit.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of detecting coordinates of a writing character, comprising:

inputting a coordinate value of a writing character to a surface of an input unit, by an input device;

determining an operation mode of the inputting;

enabling an "absolute coordinate value mode"-like inputting operation by calculating a distance between a final coordinate value of a previous input operation and a beginning coordinate value of a current input operation, the current input operation occurring after a detachment of the input device from the surface of said input unit during the immediately preceding previous input operation; and

setting, in the calculating, a coordinate value input at a time when the input device is detached from the surface of the input unit as the final coordinate value of the previous input operation,

wherein the distance calculated by said calculating is transmitted to a host apparatus so as to prevent the current input operation from being connected to the previous input operation on a display.

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method according to claim 21, further comprising:
~~determining an operation mode of the inputting; and~~
enabling or disabling the setting based on the determining.

23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim 22, wherein the determining determines the operation mode of the inputting based on a relative size of a contact area formed by a contact of the input device with the surface of the input unit.

24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim 22, wherein the determining determines the operation mode of the inputting based on a time during which the input device is detached from the surface of the input unit.

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A writing device, comprising:
an input unit, having a surface thereof, to which a coordinate value of a writing character

is input;

a determination unit determining an operation mode of the input unit;

a calculator enabling an "absolute coordinate value mode"-like inputting operation by calculating a distance between a final coordinate value of a first input operation and a beginning coordinate value of a second input operation; and

a setting unit setting, in the calculator, a coordinate value of the first input operation as the final coordinate value input of the first input operation,

wherein the distance calculated by said calculator is transmitted to a host apparatus so as to prevent the second input operation from being connected to the first input operation on a display.

26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The writing device according to claim 25, further comprising:

~~a determination unit determining an operation mode of the input unit; and~~

a controller enabling or disabling the setting unit based on a determination result of the determination unit.

27. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The writing device according to claim 26, wherein the determination unit determines the operation mode of said input unit based on a relative area of contact between an input part and the surface of the input unit.

28. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The writing device according to claim 26, wherein the determination unit determines the operation mode of said input unit based on a time between an end of the first input operation and a beginning of the second input operation.

29. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of detecting coordinates of a writing character, comprising:

inputting at least one coordinate value of the writing character to a surface of an input unit;

determining an operation mode of inputting;

setting a coordinate value of a first inputting as the final coordinate value input of the first inputting if a second inputting has not occurred for a predetermined time; and

enabling an "absolute coordinate value mode"-like inputting operation by calculating a distance between the set coordinate value of the first inputting and an initial coordinate value of the second inputting

wherein the distance calculated by said calculating is transmitted to a host apparatus so as to prevent the second inputting from being connected to the first inputting on a display.

30. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method according to claim 29, further comprising:
~~determining an operation mode of inputting; and~~
enabling or disabling the setting based on a result of the determining.

31. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim 29, the determining based on a relative area of the contact of the inputting.

32. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim 29, the determining based on a time between the first inputting and the second inputting.

33. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium that stores a method of detecting coordinates comprising:

inputting a coordinate value to a surface of an input unit, by an input device;

determining an operation mode of the inputting;

enabling an "absolute coordinate value mode"-like inputting operation by calculating a distance between a final coordinate value of a previous input operation and a beginning value of a current input operation by said inputting, the current input operation occurring after a detachment of the input device from the surface of said input unit during the immediately preceding previous input operation; and

setting, in said calculating, a coordinate value input at a time when the input device is detached from the surface of the input unit as the final coordinate value of the previous input operation,

wherein the distance calculated by said calculating is transmitted to a host apparatus so as to prevent the current input operation from being connected to the previous input operation on a display.

34. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer-readable recording medium according to claim 33, the method further comprising:

~~determining an operation mode of the inputting; and~~

enabling or disabling said setting based on a determination result of said determining.

35. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer-readable recording medium

according to claim 34, wherein the determining determines the operation mode of said inputting based on a determining of a type of input device by determining a contact area formed by a contact of the input device with the surface of the input unit.

36. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer-readable recording medium according to claim 34, wherein the determining determines the operation mode of said inputting based on a time during which the input device is detached from the surface of the input unit.

37. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium that stores a method of detecting coordinates comprising:

inputting at least one coordinate value to a surface of an input unit;

~~determining an operation mode of inputting;~~

setting a coordinate value of a first inputting as the final coordinate value input of the first inputting if a second inputting has not occurred for a predetermined time; and

calculating a distance difference between the set coordinate value of the first inputting and an initial coordinate value of the second inputting,

wherein the distance calculated by said calculating is transmitted to a host apparatus so as to prevent the second inputting from being connected to the first inputting on a display.

38. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer-readable recording medium according to claim 37, the method further comprising:

~~determining an operation mode of inputting; and~~

enabling or disabling said setting based on a result of said determining.

39. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer-readable recording medium according to claim 38, the determining based on determining of a type of input device by determining an area of contact of the inputting.

40. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer-readable recording medium according to claim 38, the determining based on a time between the first inputting and the second inputting.

41. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A writing device, comprising:

a switch capable of switching between ~~absolute and a~~ relative coordinate value ~~modes~~ mode and an "absolute coordinate value mode"-like inputting operation based on an input

signal; and

a detector detecting a coordinate value based on the switching.